Copy of this letter (without the extract) forwarded to the Comptroller General, with reference to his letter No. 1361, dated 30th September 1880.

Also, to the several Accountants General and Deputy Accountants General in independent charge for information.

Extract from a letter from the Comptroller General, to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Finance and Commerce, No. 1361, dated 30th September 1880.

I would suggest that the present return is hardly calculated to shew the actual causes of delay in passing pension cases through the necessary forms, as it shews only the facts connected with the very latest stage in the proceedings. Of course, my opinion, in such matters, may be a little prejudiced ; but I certainly think that the blame, in most cases, lies with Heads of Offices in preparing the papers, and in their disregarding the plain requirements of the Rules. I have also seen several cases delayed through the difficulty the Head of the Office finds in collecting verifications from other administrative officers.

I have procured the following statistics of work done by the Account nt General, Bengal, this year, which will support my view that the Account Offices are not those which are to blame for the delays.

One hundred and four applications have been returned by the Accountant General, Bengal, since 1st January 1880, because they were submitted to him by the Head of the Office without the prescribed verification statements of services. It seems to be one of the most elementary Rules in the Code that the first step which the Head of the Office has to take is to get a list of services and verify it (Section 83). The figure just given shews in what a large number of cases the Head of the Office prefers to fire off the whole case in an inchoate condition at the Accountant General.

The Accountant General also took a number of old pending cases on which he is just about to report to Government that he cannot get the local officers to answer his enquiries, and he finds that the average detention has been 10 months and 27 days in local offices, 27 days in Accountants General's Offices.

No. 6412-52—F. 621, DATED BANGALORE, 15TH DECEMBER 1880.

ORDERED that the foregoing letter from the Government of India be communicated to Heads of Departments for information and guidance.

R. VIJEYANDRA RAO,
For Secretary.

Notifications, &c., by the Government of India.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

JUDICIAL.

NOTIFICATIONS.

Fort William, the 23rd December 1880.

No. 15 *G.-J.*—The Governor General in Council is pleased to extend Act XIV of 1880, (The Indian Census Act, 1880) to the Province of Mysore, subject to the following modifications :—

1. For the expressions 'British India' and 'Local Government' wherever they occur, the expressions 'the Territories of Mysore' and 'Chief Commissioner of Mysore' respectively shall be substituted.

2. The following portions of the Act shall be omitted :—

(i) In section 5, in clause (*a*), the words ' or naval,' in both places in which they occur, and the words ' or of any vessel of war,' and in the last paragraph but one, the words 'or, in the towns of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay, by such officer as the Local Government may appoint in this behalf,' and the words 'or Officer.'

(ii) In section 12, in the last paragraph, the words ' in the towns of Calcutta, Madras and Bombay,' and the words ' before a Presidency Magistrate and elsewhere.'

(iii) In section 13, the words and figures ' or chapter eighteen of the Presidency Magistrates' Act, 1880.'

3. For section 6, the following section shall be substituted :—

' 6. The Magistrate of the District may, by an order written, printed, or lithographed, call upon all owners and occupiers of land, tenure-holders, farmers and assignees of land-revenue in his district, or their agents, to give such assistance as he needs towards the taking of a census of the persons who are at the time of taking the census on the land of such owners, occupiers, holders, farmers and assignees.

' Such order shall specify the nature of the assistance required, and such owners, occupiers, holders, farmers, and assignees, or their agents, shall be bound to obey it.'

GENERAL.

Fort William, the 20th December 1880.

No. 2399 *G.-G.*—The following Officers are transferred from Mysore to the Provinces specified :—

To Burmah.

Mr. A. B. Gatherer, Executive Engineer, 2nd Grade.

To Central Provinces.

Mr. G. J. Perram, Executive Engineer, 4th Grade.

A. C. LYALL,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.